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11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has truly arrived in school this week! Every classroom is looking festive with trees, decorations and lights in abundance. A big thank you to Methley Christmas Trees who donated our magnificent tree in our school reception. Today, we came together as a whole school via Microsoft Teams to look at the amazing array of festive jumpers throughout school and we even ended the day with our very own Ackton Pastures Christmas Quiz. Next week, we are looking forward to the sponsored reindeer run on Wednesday, a viewing of a virtual pantomime on Thursday and a Christmas celebration in our bubbles on Friday.

Staffing update

At the end of this term, we will be wishing Miss Bustard well as she begins her maternity leave. Miss Lancaster will be joining our team as Nursery teacher, working alongside Mrs Stokes and Mrs Malton, whilst Miss Bustard is away. Miss Lancaster has a wealth of experience in Nursery settings and has been working closely with Miss Bustard to ensure a smooth transition for our children.

We will also be welcoming Miss Ball to our staff team. Miss Ball is a specialist sports coach who will be working with children across school to develop our sports and P.E. skills. Miss Ball is eager to develop the sports clubs and after school provision that we offer within school. Watch this space for further announcements in January!

Miss Jobson is joining our Upper Key Stage Two team from January. Miss Jobson is a qualified KS2 teacher and will be working with Year 5 from January, alongside Miss Umpleby. Mr Allanson will continue to work closely with 5AU but will have a reduced teaching commitment as he continues to work on whole school initiatives as part of our senior leadership team within school.

Christmas performances

All of our classes have been working on their individual Christmas performances or celebrations in class. The contribution from each class will be shared on their class Seesaw page on Friday 18th December. We appreciate that this would usually be a time when we would be welcoming parents and families into school to share in the festive magic. As this cannot be the case this year, we are also working on sharing a video of all the festive activities the children have participated in so that parents can share in our celebrations.

Christmas cards and presents

Thank you for your support in not sending Christmas cards between children this year to help reduce potential transmission of Covid-19. Please can I remind parents that Christmas gifts for teachers are not necessary; your support in following our school guidance and procedures to help keep our children and staff safe are gifts enough this year! We appreciate that the pandemic has put additional financial strain on many of our families this year. With this in mind, please be aware that any fundraising in school is a voluntary contribution.

Have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Lea".

Miss K. Lea

Headteacher